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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
**TOWN OFFICERS**

OF  
**GILSUM, N. H.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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## LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

O. H. Hubbard, Town Clerk  
" " Town Treasurer

### SELECTMEN

W. H. Adams Jehiel White  
George R. Cuthbert

### ROAD AGENT

Peter J. LaBounty

Walter Maloney Tax Collector

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

W. E. Renshaw Arthur D. Wright  
Albert F. Adams

### AUDITORS

John A. Smith Fred A. Wilder

### POLICE

Rex W. Greene

Frank E. Smith Overseer of Poor

## TOWN WARRANT

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilsum, in the County of Cheshire, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at town hall, in said Gilsum, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects;

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To elect three Selectmen, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year.
3. To bring in your ballots upon each of the questions submitted by the convention to revise the constitution relative to the amendments proposed by said convention at a session held on January 28, 1921.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
5. To see if the town will appoint a committee to look after the observance of Memorial Day and appropriate money for same.
6. To see if the town will take any action in regard to better fire protection and appropriate money for same.
7. To see if the town will vote to instruct the collector to collect all taxes and pay into town treasury on or before Jan. 31, 1922.

8. To see if the town will take any action in regard to the observance of Old Home Week and appropriate money for same.
9. To see if the town will take any action in regard to state aid construction and appropriate money for same.
10. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of town officers.
11. To allow accounts.
12. To see if the town will accept, as a gift, a sum of money on certain conditions.
13. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money.
14. To see if the town will take action in regard to the white pine blister rust and appropriate money for same.
14. To see what action the town will take to repair iron and Howard bridges.

Given under our hands and seal, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

W. H. ADAMS,  
JEHIEL WHITE,  
GEO. R. CUTHBERT,  
Selectmen of Gilsum

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

W. H. ADAMS,  
JEHIEL WHITE,  
GEO. R. CUTHBERT,  
Selectmen of Gilsum

## SUMMARY INVENTORY

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116 Polls,	
Land and Buildings,	\$229,096 00
133 Horses,	16,807 00
2 Mules,	175 00
6 Oxen,	819 00
139 Cows,	11,804 00
25 Neat Stock,	1,396 00
25 Sheep,	200 00
10 Hogs,	375 00
211 Fowls,	247 00
1 Vehicle,	250 00
9 Portable Mills,	3,900 00
Wood and Lumber,	25,285 00
Stock in Public Funds,	2,300 00
National Bank Stock,	4,228 00
Money on hand,	1,069 00
Stock in Trade,	8,240 00
Mills and Machinery,	1,000 00
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	\$307,191 00

### EXEMPTIONS

Soldiers' exemption,	\$6,550 00
Exemption by vote of town,	17,300 00
Soldiers poll tax abatement,	16 00

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\$23,866 00

### AMOUNT OF TAXES AND RATES

Committed to collector,	\$10,680 47
Tax rate per \$100,	3 50

### APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers,	\$600 00
Highways and bridges,	1200 00
Libraries,	125 00
Memorial day,	10 00
State tax,	884 00
County tax to be assessed as reported,	642 70

To pay town notes,	\$991 51
Fire department,	100 00
Town poor,	156 00
Trunk line maintenance,	1,250 00
Interest on town notes,	228 20
Insurance,	10 00
Necessary town charges,	500 00
Street lights,	100 00
State aid,	136 00
Purchasing memorial tablet,	200 00
Purchasing fire extinguishers,	100 00
Old Home day,	60 00
Purchasing safe,	150 00
Interest on trust funds,	43 34
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School appropriations,	\$7,486 75
	3,114 95
	_____
	\$10,601 70

### LIABILITIES

Note of Frank W. Roundy, payable Jan. 31, 1922, \$618 60	
" Jennie C. Kingsbury, "	1922, 300 00
" John H. Laing, "	1923, 600 00
" Effie J. Wilder, "	1923, 291 51
" Effie J. Wilder, "	1924, 300 00
" Frank W. Roundy, "	1924, 600 00
" Mary A. Hammond, "	1925, 500 00
" Effie J. Wilder, "	1925, 350 38
" Caroline O. Nash, "	1926, 101 40
" Eleanor Gravlin est., "	1926, 230 25
" Emma I. Downing, "	1926, 200 00
" Emma I. Downing, "	1927, 112 84
" Ruth Bingham, "	1927, 200 00
" John H. Laing, "	1927, 300 00

Notes of trustees of trust funds, 6%:

D. W. Bill cemetery fund, payable Jan. 31, 1928,	400 00
K. D. Webster cemetery fund, payable Jan. 31, 1928,	22 40

School fund, payable Jan. 31, 1928,	\$300 00
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Estimated due town officers,	\$5,427 38
Due to school districts, dog licenses,	350 00
State and town highway account, unexpended balance,	72 92
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Total liabilities,	321 95
Assets (look on report of tax commission),	\$6,172 25
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Total net debt, 1921,	4,377 72
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	\$1,794 53

## BILLS ALLOWED BY VOTE OF TOWN

Wm. H. Adams,	\$116 02
Chas. C. Plimpton,	50 00
Chas. H. Blake,	50 05
O. H. Hubbard,	94 50
John Platyner,	5 00
Hunter C. Kingsbury,	8 00
Leon Wright,	8 00
Ben E. Guillow,	8 00
A. L. Thayer,	97 50
Wm. H. Adams,	39 68
John H. Laing,	3 00
F. A. Wilder,	3 00
L. W. Wilder,	6 00
S. B. Lund,	3 00
Bert H. White,	1 00
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Walter T. Nims,	492 75
Adams & Ballou,	83 50
Charles Blodgett,	79 00
H. C. Kingsbury,	3 11
Peter J. Labounty,	18 50
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	105 81
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	\$782 67

New Hampshire State Tax Commission  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
 OF THE  
 Town of Gilsum, Cheshire Co.

*For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1921*

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**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Feb. 19, 1921.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,  
 JEHIEL WHITE,  
 GEORGE R. CUTHBERT,  
 Selectmen

O. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer

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**ASSETS**

**CASH:**

In hands of treasurer,	\$1,631 04
In hands of Fearless Fire Engine Co.,	1 27

**SINKING FUNDS:**

Deed of Gilbert Guillow farm,	600 00
Water right bought for taxes,	17 40

**ACCOUNTS DUE TO THE TOWN:**

Joint highway accounts, unexpended balances in state treasury,	321 95
Unexpended balance,	118 11

Taxes not collected: Levy of 1920,	\$1,687 95
Total assets,	\$4,377 72
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt),	1,794 53
Grand total,	\$6,172 25
Net debt Jan. 31, 1920,	1,936 48
Net debt Jan. 31, 1921,	1,794 53
Decrease of debt,	141 95

### LIABILITIES

#### ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN:

Due town officers, estimated,	\$350 00
Due to school districts: dog licenses,	72 92
State and town joint highway accounts: unexpended balance in state treasury,	321 95

#### LONG TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING:

Town hall and state road,	4,704 98

#### TRUST FUNDS, AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL USED BY TOWN:

School fund,	\$300 00
D. W. Bill cemetery fund,	400 00
K. D. Webster fund,	22 40
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Total liabilities,	\$6,172 25

### RECEIPTS

#### CURRENT REVENUE:

<i>From Local Taxes:</i>	
Amount committed to collector, 1920,	\$10,170 72
Less discounts and abatements, 1920,	111 17
Less uncollected, 1920, including polls,	1,687 95
Property taxes, current year, actually collected,	\$8,513 78
Poll taxes, current year, actually col- lected, at \$3.00,	27 00

Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, at \$5.00,	\$380 00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected,	21 56
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Tax sales redeemed,	\$8,942 34 391 59

*From State:*

For state aid construction,	412 21
For trunk line maintenance,	4,479 73
Insurance tax,	3 75
Railroad tax,	96
Savings bank tax,	216 22
Bounties,	12 80

*From County:*

For support of poor,	471 90
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*From Local Sources Except Taxes:*

Dog licenses,	72 92
Rent of town hall,	165 73
Interest received on deposits,	1 91
Permits for registration of motor vehicles,	249 45

## RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:

Refunds,	30
Trust funds,	36 44
Lumber sold,	36 00
Cement sold,	125 25
Road roller,	100 00
Old Home day,	3 00
Filing fees,	4 00
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304 99

Total receipts from all sources,	\$15,726 50
Cash on hand February 1, 1920,	2,635 29
Grand total,	\$18,411 79

## PAYMENTS

## CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

Town officers' salaries,	\$469 54
Town officers' expenses,	411 12
Election and registration expenses,	21 45
Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	126 36
Police department, including care of tramps,	11 00
Fire department, including forest fires,	100 00
Bounties,	12 80
Vital statistics,	7 25
Trunk line maintenance,	4,465 08
Town maintenance,	1,874 59
Libraries,	133 10
Town poor,	201 00
County poor,	510 00
Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises,	331 25
Cemeteries, including hearse hire,	25 00

## INTEREST:

Paid on long term notes,	\$231 97
Paid on principal of trust funds used	
by town,	36 44

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268 41

## OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS:

Highways and bridges, state aid construction,	1,805 14
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## INDEBTEDNESS:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	1,000 00
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## PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:

Taxes paid to state,	\$1,050 00
Taxes paid to county,	642 70
Payments to school districts,	3,114 95
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Total payments for all purposes,	\$16,780 75
Cash on hand January 31, 1921,	1,631 04

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Grand total, \$18,411 79

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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	Value.
Town hall, lands and buildings,	\$3,000 00
Town hall, furniture and equipment,	400 00
Libraries, furniture and equipment,	800 00
Police department, equipment,	5 00
Fire department, lands and buildings,	150 00
Fire department, equipment,	50 00
Highway department, equipment,	100 00
Water supply,	200 00
Hearse,	10 00
Town barn,	150 00
 Total,	 \$4,865 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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### RECEIPTS

Cash in treasury, Feb. 1, 1920,	\$2,685 29
A. D. Wright, collector, tax 1919,	71 56
Tax sales redemption,	341 59
State aid construction,	412 21
Trunk line maintenance, 1920,	3,292 26
Trunk line maintenance, 1919,	1,187 47
Cheshire county, support of poor,	471 90
Dog licenses,	72 92
Trustees trust funds, interest on cemetery funds,	36 44
Bounties on hedgehogs,	12 80
Lumber sold,	36 00
Cement sold,	125 25
Road roller sold,	100 00
Old Home day,	3 00
Insurance tax,	3 75
Railroad tax,	96
Savings bank tax,	216 22
Town hall,	165 73
Filing fees,	4 00
Permits for registration motor vehicles,	249 45
Error in order, rebate,	30
W. L. Maloney, collector, tax 1920,	8,922 69
 Total receipts,	 \$18,411 79

### EXPENDITURES

Paid out by order of selectmen,	16,780 75
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1921,	\$1,631 04

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer

## REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

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P. J. LABOUNTY, Agent

Week ending Feb. 7:

Peter J. LaBounty with team,	7	hours,	\$7 00
Ray Huntley with team,	7	"	7 00
Peter J. LaBounty, Jr.,	3	"	1 00
O. J. Willson with team,	2	"	2 00
Joe Willett,	2	"	66

Week ending Feb. 14:

Peter J. LaBounty with team,	2	"	2 00
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	8	"	8 00
A. J. Baker,	4	"	2 00

Week ending Feb. 21:

O. J. Willson with team,	3	"	3 00
Ray Huntley with team,	9	"	15 00
Peter LaBounty,	9	"	3 00
Peter LaBounty, Jr.,	2	"	66
A. J. Baker,	6	"	3 00

Week ending Feb. 28:

Peter LaBounty,	5	"	1 67
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team	3	"	3 00
A. J. Baker,	6	"	3 00

Week ending Mar. 6:

Peter LaBounty,	7	"	2 33
A. J. Baker with team,	6	"	6 00

Week ending Mar. 13:

Peter LaBounty,	7	"	2 33
Peter LaBounty, Jr.,	4	"	1 33
Joe Willett,	12	"	4 00
Loren Chapin,	10	"	3 33

	1 hours,	\$	50
Ray Huntley,			
W. E. Willson,	4 "	1	33
W. E. Willson with team,	2 "	2	00
A. J. Baker with team,	10 "	5	00
Walter Jefts,	14 "	4	67
Hosea Wellman,	6 "	2	00
Peter LaBounty with team,	9 "	9	00
Peter LaBounty,	13½ "	6	75
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	11 "	11	00
Hosea Wellman,	18 "	8	00
W. E. Willson,	13½ "	9	75
Leon White,	18 "	9	00
Walter Jefts,	13 "	4	00
William Chapin,	13½ "	4	50
E. A. Blodgett with team,	5½ "	5	50
Peter LaBounty with team,	4½ "	4	50
George Howard,	6 "	2	67
Week ending Mar. 20:			
Peter LaBounty with team,	17 "	8	50
Leon White,	4½ "	2	25
Week ending Apr. 3:			
Peter LaBounty,	15 "	7	50
Leon White,	9 "	4	50
Walter Jefts,	9 "	4	00
P. M. Wright,	1 "	40	
George Nichols,	17 "	8	50
Peter LaBounty,	12 "	6	00
Week ending Apr. 10:			
Peter LaBounty,	13 "	6	50
Peter LaBounty with team,	3 "	2	67
Peter LaBounty, 100 ft. of railing,		2	00
Week ending Apr. 17:			
Peter LaBounty with team,	20 "	17	80
Peter LaBounty, Jr.,	11 "	5	50
Week ending Apr. 24:			
Peter LaBounty with team,	13½ "	12	00

Peter LaBounty, Jr.,	13½ hours,	\$6 75
George Nichols,	30 "	15 00
Week ending May 1:		
Peter LaBounty,	42 "	21 00
Peter LaBounty, Jr.,	36 "	32 00
Walter Jefts,	36 "	16 00
E. A. Blodgett with team,	36 "	32 00
Ben Guillow,	8 "	4 00
Ben Guillow with team,	27 "	15 00
William Chapin,	9 "	3 00
J. J. Guillow,	13½ "	6 75
Leon White,	18 "	9 00
Fred Seaver,	9 "	4 50
C. H. Blake, 35 loads of gravel,		3 50
George Nichols,	1½ "	75
Week ending May 8:		
Peter LaBounty,	19 "	9 00
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	18 "	16 00
E. A. Blodgett with team,	18 "	16 00
Walter Jefts,	9 "	4 00
Leon White,	18 "	9 00
F. P. Sinclair,	8 "	4 50
Ben Guillow,	24 "	12 00
Week ending May 15:		
Peter J. LaBounty,	4 "	2 50
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	4 "	4 00
Leon White,	4 "	2 50
F. P. Sinclair,	4 "	2 50
Joe Willett,	4 "	2 50
Week ending May 22:		
Peter LaBounty with team,	18 "	18 00
F. P. Sinclair,	18 "	9 00
Leon White,	18 "	9 00
W. Corey,	8 "	4 00
Week ending May 29:		
Peter LaBounty,	10 "	5 00

Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	8	hours,	\$8 00
Leon White,	8	"	4 00

Week ending June 5:

Peter LaBounty,	36	"	18 50
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	36	"	36 00
Walter Jefts,	27	"	12 00
Leon White,	36	"	18 00
John White,	18	"	9 00
Jehiel White,	18	"	14 00
E. A. Blodgett with team,	18	"	18 00

Week ending June 12:

Peter LaBounty,	9½	"	5 00
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	9½	"	9 50
Leon White,	9	"	4 50
Jehiel White,	9	"	4 00
John White,	9	"	4 50
E. A. Blodgett with team,	9	"	9 00
Ben Guillow,	9	"	4 50

Week ending June 26:

Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	20	"	20 00
Walter Jefts,	9	"	4 00
Clifford Wheeler,	18	"	9 00

Week ending July 3:

Peter J. LaBounty,	9	"	4 50
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	13	"	13 00
Ben Guillow,	1	"	45
Bert White,	3	"	1 35
Leon Wright,	3	"	1 35
W. H. Adams,	8	"	3 60

Week ending July 24:

Peter LaBounty,	4	"	2 00
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	4	"	4 00
W. H. Adams,	3	"	1 50
Peter LaBounty, 2 logs,			1 50

Week ending July 31:

Peter LaBounty,	21	"	10 50
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W. H. Adams,	21	hours,	\$10 50
Clifford Wheeler,	20	"	9 00
A. L. Thayer,	8	"	4 00
Marshall Plimpton,	20	"	6 00
Ballou & Adams, team,	20	"	27 00
Alfred Seaver,	13	"	6 50
Jehiel White,	20	"	12 00
Peter LaBounty, Jr.,	10	"	4 50
Ballou & Adams, 4,000 ft. bridge plank, at \$50,			200 00

## Week ending Aug. 7:

Peter LaBounty,	17	"	.8 50
W. H. Adams,	16½	"	8 25

## Week ending Aug. 21:

Peter LaBounty,	19	"	9 50
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	20	"	18 00
Clifford Wheeler,	20	"	9 00
E. A. Blodgett with team,	7	"	7 00
George Howard,	7	"	3 50
E. A. Blodgett, 45 loads gravel,			4 50
Mrs. Carpenter, 5 loads gravel,			50

## Week ending Sept. 4:

Peter LaBounty with team,	5	"	5 00
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## Week ending Sept. 11:

Peter LaBounty,	9	"	4 50
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	10	"	10 00
Clifford Wheeler,	10	"	4 50
E. A. Blodgett with team,	9	"	9 00
Jehiel White,	9	"	6 00

## Week ending Oct. 16:

Peter LaBounty with team,	5	"	5 00
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## Week ending Oct. 23:

Peter LaBounty,	18	"	9 00
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	18	"	18 00
Clifford Wheeler,	18	"	9 00
E. A. Blodgett with team,	18	"	18 00
John Stevenson,	18	"	9 00
W. H. Adams,	4	"	2 22

## Week ending Nov. 6:

Peter LaBounty,	9 hours,	\$4 50
W. H. Adams,	9 "	5 00

## Week ending Nov. 27:

Peter LaBounty,	4 "	2 22
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## Week ending Dec. 11:

Peter LaBounty,	9 "	4 50
Peter LaBounty, Jr. with team,	26 "	26 00
Clifford Wheeler,	23 "	11 50
W. E. Willson,	9 "	4 50
Mrs. Carpenter, 4 loads gravel,		40
Frank P. Crain, 15 loads gravel,		1 50
Austin Smith, 50 loads gravel,		5 00
Peter LaBounty, 6 stringers,		1 50
Fred Smith, stringers,		1 00

## OTHER ROAD BILLS

## Filling up of flume across state road at A. J. Pomlow's mill:

W. H. Adams,	40½ hours,	18 00
Ben Guillow with team,	22½ "	12 50
A. J. Pomlow,	40½ "	18 00
Henry Howard, labor on bridge,	22½ "	10 00
Henry Howard, 168 ft. bridge timber,		6 72

## Putting up railing on Sullivan road:

R. W. Sawyer,	21 "	10 50
Richard Pletzner,	21 "	10 50
R. W. Sawyer, 835 ft. railing, 34 posts,		25 00

## Town of Sullivan, for work on Gilsum highway between Sullivan and Keene:

Bill dated May 10, 1920,		10 40
Ballou & Adams, 1,000 ft. bridge plank, 330 ft. 2-in. plank,		59 85

Snow bills of 1919 allowed by town excepting P. J. LaBounty:

A. L. Thayer, breaking roads,	\$97 50
Ballou & Adams, breaking roads,	79 00
Hunter C. Kingsbury, breaking roads,	18 50
Selden Lund, breaking roads,	3 00
W. H. Adams, breaking roads,	39 68
Lansing W. Wilder, breaking roads,	6 00
Charles H. Blodgett, breaking roads,	3 11
Bert White, breaking roads,	1 34
	—
	248 13
Total,	\$1,874 29

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## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

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Taxes assessed April, 1920,	\$10,738 72
Abatements,	126 17
	—
	\$10,612 55
Interest,	1 91
	—
	\$10,610 64
Paid into town treasury,	\$8,922 69
Taxes due,	1,687 95
	—
	\$10,610 64

## REPORT OF STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

### RECEIPTS

Orders drawn on town treasury,	\$200 00
Gasoline sold,	6 69
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1920,	16 14
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	\$222 83

### EXPENDITURES

Tide Water Oil Corporation, gasoline,	\$85 96
Best Light Co., supplies,	19 00
O. O. Cross, lighting,	76 20
A. L. Thayer, freight,	6 79
Joseph Tinker, freight,	2 37
Express,	2 25
Telephoning,	45
Moving pole,	2 00
Repairing lamp,	1 00
A. D. Wright, rent, etc.,	12 50
Balance in hands of committee,	14 31
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	\$222 83
Supplies on hand,	\$25 00

A. D. WRIGHT, Street Light Committee

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINE CO.

Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1920,	\$ 83
Appropriations,	100 00
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	\$100 83
Paid out on roll call,	99 56
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Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1921,	\$1 27
	FRANK E. SMITH, Foreman

## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

## COUNTY POOR

Due from county Feb. 1, 1920,	\$80 00
Aid to Carl Wilson :	
Medical attendance,	13 50
Lucy Tinker, work,	25 00
Groceries,	2 00
Team, shoes, and getting casket,	7 40
Casket and undertaking,	104 00
Aid to Mrs. Winifred Blake :	
Medical attendance,	58 00
Support of self and children,	260 00
Aid to Massicotte family :	
Groceries,	38 11
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Received from county,	\$588 01
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Balance due from county Feb. 1, 1921,	469 90
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	\$118 11

## TOWN POOR

Aid to Mrs. Lizzie Howard :	
Aid,	\$12 00
Mrs. W. Blake, 6 days' work,	18 00
Medical attendance,	34 00
Aid to Fletcher Wheat :	
Medical attendance,	27 00
Casket and undertaking,	110 00
Care of 12 tramps,	6 00
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	\$207 00

FRANK E. SMITH, Overseer of Poor

## REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

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Received, due from Grange, Jan., 1920,	\$5 00
To rent of hall from February to April,	2 00
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	\$7 00
Paid over to town treasurer,	\$7 00

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,  
Town Hall Committee

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### FROM MAY 4, 1920, TO JAN. 4, 1921

#### RECEIPTS

From Grange,	\$36 00
Shows and dances,	122 73
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	\$158 73

#### EXPENDITURES

Wood, oil and supplies,	\$31 07
Janitor,	65 00
Paid into town treasury,	62 66
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	\$158 73

GEORGE L. NEVERS,  
Town Hall Committee

## Treasurer's Report of Gilsum Public Library

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1920,	\$28 05
Appropriation,	125 00
Fines and sales,	7 05
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Total receipts,	\$160 10
Librarian's salary,	\$100 00
Books and magazines,	28 24
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Total expended,	128 24
Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1921,	\$31 86

HELEN J. HAYWARD, Treasurer

## REPORT OF CEMETERIES

Work on Centennial Cemetery,	\$12 00
Work on Village Cemetery,	8 00
Work on East Cemetery,	5 00
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	\$25 00
Received from town,	\$25 00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, Supt. Centennial Cemetery

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, Supt. Village Cemetery

JOHN GUILLOW, Supt. East Cemetery

## REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

GILSUM, N. H.

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1921

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Feb. 2, 1921.

A. D. WRIGHT,  
W. E. RENSHAW,  
Trustees

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, tax collector, road agents, street light committee, overseer of the poor, superintendent of cemeteries, librarian, town hall committee and trustees of trust funds, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. A. SMITH,  
F. A. WILDER,  
Auditors

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H.**  
**ON FEBRUARY 1, 1921**

DATE OF CREA- TION	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	RATE OF INTER- EST	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR
1798	Minister Fund For School purposes Daniel W. Bill, donor	Used by the Town Trustees have Town notes	\$300.00	6 per ct.	\$18.00	\$18.00
1900	For Cemeteries	Trustees have Town notes	400.00	6 per ct.	24.00	24.00
1906	Kimball D. Webster, donor For Cemeteries	Trustees have Town notes	22.40	6 per ct.	1.34	1.34
1914	Charles W. Rawson, donor For Cemeteries	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	4 per ct.	4.04	4.04
1916	Otis H. Kingsbury, donor For Cemeteries	Savings Bank of Walpole Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00 200.00	4 per ct. 4 per ct.	4.04 8.08	4.04 8.08
1918	For School purposes Myron W. Adams, donor For Cemeteries	Cheshire County Savings Bank	75.00	4 per ct.	3.02	3.02
					<b>\$62.52</b>	<b>\$62.52</b>

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM

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*Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year,  
Feb. 1, 1921, to Jan. 31, 1922, compared with*

*Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, Feb. 1, 1920,  
to Jan. 31, 1921*

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### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Actual Revenue Previous Year, 1920	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year, 1921	Increase	Decrease
<b>FROM STATE:</b>				
Insurance Tax, .....	1 375	3 75		
Railroad Tax, .....	96	96		
Savings Bank Tax,.....	216 22	200 00		16 22
For Trunk Line Maintenance, .	3,759 97	3,759 97		
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:</b>				
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings, .....	165 73	125 00		40 73
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits,.....	1 91	10 00	9 09	
Cheshire Co. Auto Association, .		10 00	10 00	
Interest on Cemetery Funds, ...	38 77	38 77		
FROM POLL TAXES,.....	407 00	500 00	90 00	
Dog Licenses, .....	72 92	72 92		
<b>PERMITS FOR REGISTRATION</b>				
MOTOR VEHICLES .....	249 45	250 00		55
Total Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes, .....	\$4,916 68	\$4,971 37	\$112 09	\$57 50

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM—*Continued*

## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual Revenue Previous Year, 1920	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year, 1921	Increase	Decrease
Town Officers' Salaries,.....	469 54	500 00	30 46	
Town Officers, Expenses,.....	411 12	300 00		111 12
Election and Registration Expenses,.....	21 45	15 00		6 45
Care and Supplies for Town Hall,.....	126 36	125 00		1 36
Police Department,.....	11 00	15 00	4 00	
Fire Department,.....	100 00	100 00		
Vital Statistics, .....	7 25	7 25		
Trunk Line Maintenance :				
State's Contribution, .....	3,215 08	3,215 08		
Town's Contribution, .....	1,250 00	1,250 00		
Town Maintenance, .....	1,874 59	1,500 00		374 59
Street Lighting, .....	200 00	200 00		
Libraries, .....	133 10	130 00		3 10
Town Poor, .....	201 00	100 00		101 00
Memorial Day and other Celebrations,.....	331 25	200 00		101 25
Cemeteries, .....	25 00	35 00	10 00	
Interest on Long-term Notes, ..	231 97	200 00		31 97
Interest on Principal of Trust Funds used by Town, .....	36 44	36 44		
State Aid Construction :				
Town's Contribution, .....	1,392 93	477 00		915 97
State's Contribution,.....	412 21	286 20		126 21
Payment on Principal of Long-term Notes, .....	1,000 00	1,000 00		
State Taxes, .....	1,050 00	1,050 00		
County Taxes, .....	642 70	642 70		
Payments to School Districts, .....	3,114 95	3,000 <sup>7</sup> 00		114 95
Total Expenditures.....	\$16,257 94	\$15,609 47	\$44 46	\$1,947 97

## REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

SEPT. 1, 1919, TO AUG. 31, 1920

### MONEY RECEIVED

Cash in treasury Sept. 1, 1919,	\$32 13
Received from selectmen, assessment of \$5.00 per \$1,000 of inventory,	1,755 08
Received from selectmen, \$2.00 per scholar,	172 00
Received from state treasurer, state aid for qualifi- fied teachers,	124 00
Tuition rebate,	165 00
State aid,	2,820 67
Received from trustees trust funds:	
Interest on school fund,	18 00
Interest on Kingsbury fund,	12 24
Received for dog licenses,	57 00
Received tuition from town of Sullivan,	46 00
Received selectmen, repair appropriation,	1,000 06
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	Total receipts,
Paid school board orders,	\$6,202 12
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Balance in treasury Aug. 31, 1920,	4,465 34
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Respectfully submitted,	\$1,736 78

O. H. HUBBARD,

Treasurer

Gilsum, N. H., 1920.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the School Board and Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. LANG,  
Auditor

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

*To the School Board and Citizens of Gilsum:*

I submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools. I wish first to speak of your local school conditions and then to call attention to some of the features of the organization that has been developed to carry out the provisions of the law of 1919.

The scarcity of teachers throughout the school year 1919-1920 was serious. Teachers could be had for city and village schools, though not all of these were well qualified, but in many cases none could be found for schools remote from railroad stations or villages. Your own experience outside of the village school was but an illustration of the seriousness of the shortage of teachers. In the spring it was apparent that there would still be an insufficient number of trained teachers for the fall and an opportunity was offered to girls who had graduated from high school to get six weeks of training at the summer school and enter teaching in the fall. Quite a large number of girls accepted the opportunity and you have one of them in the Belvidere school this year. We recognize the fact that these girls have had but little training and no previous experience, and we must cooperate with this teacher in a spirit of helpfulness and kindly guidance; she is doing well in spite of her lack of training and experience.

The lack of teachers now is not serious but the situation has not by any means returned to normal. Increased salaries for teachers and a decrease in the demand for women in other occupations has turned the tide and we

may hope for more available candidates for vacancies in the summer, but we cannot anticipate lower salaries.

The Village school is an illustration of what can be done when good teachers can be held year after year. The spirit of the school, the progress of the children in their work and their growth in other ways as well, is gratifying. The success of those who graduate in entering other schools further attests the good work of your school. In the other schools the year was so broken by change of teachers and by the severity of the winter that the progress of the children was not satisfactory. We have had one change in teachers this year, but the school was not closed for long and we have secured an experienced woman in place of one without experience. We anticipate much better results at the end of the year than last year.

The improvements at the Village school have given the children the advantage of well lighted and very pleasant rooms with good toilet facilities, and this building is in excellent condition. Not only have the requirements of the State Board been met, but just such a plan of school improvement has been carried out here as the board is advising every town to undertake as soon as possible. There are some other things to be desired, such as a better floor and better desks, but you have done all that could be asked in one year. Besides this, some repairs have been made at the West school which have improved conditions there a great deal, although the requirements are not fully met in respect to lighting and outhouse. At the Belvidere school also the lighting is not adequate and the outhouse is poor. Provisions should be made at the coming March meeting for the necessary work on these two buildings, and as soon as may be practicable more extensive improvements should be made than are now required to meet the standards of the State Board. Such a plan should include some provisions for work in agriculture, carpentry, and cooking and sewing, in all schools.

The question has been raised as to whether the grammar school course could be extended so as to provide

another year's work for the children before going away to school. I believe this is a matter that should be considered at the March meeting. I see no reason why this could not be done, either by the addition of a ninth grade which should offer so far as possible the usual studies of the first year of high school, or by organizing the seventh and eighth grades as a Junior High School with an additional year. But this additional year could not be considered as a part of the "required elementary schools" in the terms of the law, and consequently the additional expense would have to be borne by the taxpayers without state aid.

For an extended discussion of the working of the new school law I must refer you to the biennial report of the State Board of Education, but for the benefit of many to whom that report is not available I will summarize some of the most important features. The State Board has authority under the law to "make such rules and regulations as may seem desirable to secure the efficient administration of the public schools," and the law further provides that "it shall be the duty of school boards and employees of the districts to comply with the rules and regulations of the state board." Accordingly such rules and regulations have been prescribed and the most important among them are in substance as follows :

1. *The School Board* shall elect the teachers upon the recommendation of the superintendent and fix their salaries; employ janitors and other necessary employees ; authorize purchases ; prepare a budget of expenditures and, in state-aided districts, keep accounts in a prescribed manner; hold meetings as often as once in two months, require the superintendent to be present, and keep record of the transactions ; perform all other duties not specifically committed to the superintendent ; and upon recommendation of the superintendent determine the subjects of instruction.

2. *The Superintendent* shall be nominated by the joint board of the union and employed by the state board and he

shall give his entire time to the performance of his duties; he shall enforce the rules and regulations of the school board and of the state board and the laws relating to school attendance and employment of children, reporting violations of these and other laws affecting the welfare of children to the proper officers; he shall direct and supervise the work of the teachers and janitors and have the necessary authority to make such direction effective; nominate all teachers; select and purchase textbooks and supplies in accordance with the rules of the school board and of the state board; keep records and make reports of his doings; remove any teacher or other employee found to be immoral or incompetent, subject to the law provided for such cases; provide for temporary vacancies, and secure fuel and other supplies immediately necessary if the school board fails to do so; admit pupils to school in accordance with the laws of the state and the rules of the state board, assign them to classes and grades, and promote them in accordance with their attainments.

3. *The Programs of Study* prepared by the state board are accepted and approved, and a standard school shall be equipped with books, supplies and apparatus sufficient to perform the work outlined in them. Regulations have been set for the required subjects and minimum requirements in the first three grades and are in preparation for the next three grades.

4. *Health and Physical Welfare.* Every district shall employ a school physician who shall make at least one annual examination of the pupils, report defects found to the parents, and with the teachers and superintendent labor to secure remedial treatment. The superintendent shall see that physical exercises and drill have a place in the school program, and he shall examine school buildings and surroundings, recommend to the school board such changes as are needed, and if unable to make such recommendation effective he shall report to the Commissioner of Education and to the State Board of Health.

5. *Shortened School Year.* The law prescribes that all schools shall be maintained for at least thirty-six weeks in each year, but it also provides that special permission may be given by the state board on application from the school board of the district to reduce the number of weeks. Unless such permission is given "it is then the duty of the Commissioner, if any school board should fail in its duty, to direct the superintendent in charge to continue the schools. The expenditures may be paid from the funds of the State Board of Education and reimbursement for moneys so advanced by the State Board must be provided for by the district at a special meeting or at its next annual meeting." (This regulation was adopted July 20, 1920.)

The distribution of the Equalization Fund is made by the State Board, on the basis of carefully prepared budgets of proposed expenditures submitted by the School Boards and Superintendents, and in accordance with certain established principles in order to assure a fair and impartial apportionment. In general, the expenditures proposed are considered on the basis of the average requirements of the state and of the expenditures which each district had made in previous years. The amounts allowed by the State Board under each item of the budget in your district is shown in the financial statements following this report. State aid is not given for the "overhead" expenses of the district, but only for "maintenance" of the required elementary schools, including expenses of instruction, expenses of operating school plants, minor repairs and expenses, medical inspection, transportation, and elementary tuition.

In closing, I would express my appreciation of the uniform cooperation and consideration given me in my work and wherever I have come in contact with the school board and citizens.

Respectfully,

VERNON S. AMES.

Marlboro, N. H., January 31, 1921.

## Receipts of the School District of Gilsum

SEPT. 1, 1919, TO AUG. 31, 1920

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From the state :	
For qualified teachers,	\$124 00
High school tuition rebate,	165 00
Equalization fund (state aid)	2,820 67
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Total from state,	\$3,109 67
From selectman, from taxation :	
For support of elementary schools (\$5 tax)	1,360 08
For high school tuition,	315 00
For salaries of district officers,	80 00
For repairs and alterations,	1,000 00
For per capita tax,	172 00
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Total from taxation,	2,927 08
From sources other than taxation :	
Dog licenses,	57 00
Elementary school tuition,	46 00
Trust fund income,	30 24
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Total from other sources,	133 24
Total receipts,	\$6,169 99
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1919,	32 13
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Grand total,	\$6,202 12

## Expenditures of School District of Gilsum

SEPT. 1, 1919, TO AUG. 31, 1920

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### Administration :

Salaries of district officers,	\$73 20
Superintendent's excess salary,	15 00
Truant officers and school census,	23 25
Other expense of administration,	53 12

### Instruction :

Teachers' salaries,	1,986 60
Text-books,	141 70
Scholars' supplies,	181 19
Flags and appurtenances,	9 45
Other expenses of instruction,	39 21

### Operation and Maintenance of School Plant :

Janitor service,	170 50
Fuel,	112 94
Janitors' supplies,	6 43
Minor repairs and expenses,	66 50

### Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities :

Medical inspection,	35 00
Transportation of pupils,	797 75
High school tuition,	195 00

### Fixed Charges : Insurance,

21 90

### Outlay for Construction and New Equipment :

Alteration of old buildings,	363 10
New equipment,	1 50

### Debt, Interest and other Charges :

Tax for state-wide supervision,	172 00
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Total payments, \$4,465 34

Cash on hand August 31, 1920, 1,736 78

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\$6,202 12

## Budget of the School District of Gilsum

SEPT. 1, 1920, TO AUG. 31, 1921

	Estimated by School Board.	Approved by State Board.	Expended to Jan. 31, 1921.
<b>ADMINISTRATION :</b>			
Salaries of district officers,	\$72 50		
Superintendent's excess salary,	55 56		55 55
Truant officers and school census,	25 00		6 10
Other expenses of instruction,	50 00		4 54
<b>INSTRUCTION :</b>			
Teachers' salaries,	3,100 00	3,100 00	1,333 14
Text-books,	140 00	132 00	99 78
Scholars' supplies,	175 00	175 00	87 22
Flags and appurtenances,	10 00	10 00	12 00
Other expenses of instruction,	37 00	20 00	32 87
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT :</b>			
Janitor service,	350 00	246 00	168 45
Fuel,	260 00	260 00	258 16
Janitors' supplies,	10 00	10 00	21 17
Minor repairs and expenses,	350 00	76 80	5 85
<b>AUXILIARY AGENCIES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES :</b>			
Medical inspection,	40 00	40 00	
Transportation of pupils,	1,040 00	860 00	331 00
High school tuition,	335 00		80 00
<b>FIXED CHARGES :</b>			
Insurance,	20 00		
<b>OUTLAY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT :</b>			
Alteration of old buildings,	1,000 00		903 53
New equipment,			2 25
<b>DEBT, INTEREST AND OTHER CHARGES :</b>			
Tax for state-wide supervision,	218 00		204 00
Total estimated expenditures,	\$7,288 06		
Total expenditures to January 31, 1951,			\$3,605 61

## Estimated Receipts of School District of Gilsum

SEPT. 1, 1920, TO AUG. 31, 1921

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**From the state :**

Equalization fund (note),	<b>\$3,309 85</b>
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**From selectmen, raised by taxation :**

For support of elementary schools,	1,535 95
For high school tuition,	200 00
For district officers and superintendent,	150 00
For per capita tax,	190 00
For new equipment,	<hr/> 25 00

Total from taxation,	2,100 95
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**From sources other than taxation :**

Dog licenses,	70 20
Elementary tuition,	84 00
Income from trust funds,	<hr/> 30 24

Total from other sources,	<hr/> 184 44
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Total estimated receipts,	\$5,595 24
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1920 (note)	<hr/> 1,736 78
	<hr/> \$7,332 02

**NOTE.** \$718.97 of the cash on hand Sept. 1, 1920, was of the Equalization Fund (State aid) received for previous year and not expended. This amount is held to the credit of the State Board of Education, against the amount to be assigned by the Board this year.

## Estimate and Recommendation of School Board

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In compliance with Section 21, Chapter 106, of the laws of 1919, the School Board makes the following statement of the sums of money needed for the fiscal year 1921-1922:

For the support of elementary schools, the amount of a tax of \$5 on each \$1,000 of valuation, es- timated at	\$1,500 00
And in addition :	
For high school tuition,	550 00
For salaries of district officers and superinten- dent's excess salary,	150 00
For other expenses of administration,	30 00
For repairs and alterations,	100 00
For per capita tax,	220 00
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Total amount needed in addition to the \$5 tax above,	\$1,050 00

HUNTER C. KINGSBURY,  
BERNICE F. WRIGHT,  
EFFIE R. HUBBARD,  
School Board

## VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1920.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Eyes & Hair.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.							
Jan. 28	Joseph Arthur	M	F	L	David J. Young	W	Gilsum	Spinner	West Swanzey	Franklin
Feb. 15	Helen May	M	F	6	Roscoe W. Sawyer	W	Gilsum	Farmer	Henniker	Ms. Gilsum
May 17	Jessie Phylliss	M	F	1	Alex der L. Welcome	W	Dublin	Millwright	Turners Falls,	Dublin [Conn.]
June 27	Virginia Pearl	M	F	4	Edward T. Clark	W	Gilsum	Storekeeper	Hartford, Conn.	So. Manchester
July 8	Homer William	M	F	4	Homer G. Brown	W	Gilsum	Teamster	Richford, Vt.	Boston, Ms.
July 18	Donald George	M	F	1	George H. Rockwell	W	Gilsum	Farmer	Sullivan [Vt.]	Malone, N. Y.
Sept. 5	Fred Henry	M	F	13	Lesodore J. Secore	W	Gilsum	Laborer	Keene	Lyon Mount [Vt.]
Dec. 31	Hazel Emma	M	F	3	Herman R. Britton	W	Gilsum	Laborer	Keene	Gilsum

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1920.

Date of Mar- riage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Sur- name of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years of each.	Color of eyes of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	* Condition of person whom married.	Name, Residence and official station of person whom married.
Feb. 12	Hinsdale	Walter E. Clough	Gilsum Hills, Ms.	18	W	Teamster	Athol, Ms.	Charles E. Clough	East Dover, Vt.	1st	Edalbert Temple Justice of the Peace
		Catherine S. Bowles	Wellesbury	22	"	Housework	Hills, Ms.	Emm. Whiting	Boston, Ms.		
		Ralph R. Howard	Gilsum	27	"	Laborer	Alexan'r Bowles	Ireland			
Oct. 2	Nashua	Florence Emerson	[Narrows Northwood	35	"	Housework	Emerlin Snow	Nova Scotia		1st	
							H'ry W. Howard	Gilsum			
							Flora D. Cady	" [Narrows	J. Bruce Gilman	1st	
							Edville Emerson	Northwood	Nashua		
							Lavina Bryant	"			

\*Whether single or widowed, What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1920.

Date of Death.	Name and Sur- name of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth. Days. Months. Years.	Sex & Condition. Male. Female. S., M., W. *, W.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father. Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.				Father.	Mother.	
Jan. 14	Emily D. Adams	76	9	6	Edgartown, Ms.	F	W	Housewife	Edgartown, Ms.
" 23	Laura A. Newell	67	3	12	Aistead, Barnard, Vt.	F	"	Housewife	Winchester
Feb. 16	Harry K. Wheat	18	10		Northampton, Ms.	M	"	Laborer	Elmore, Vt.
" 20	Lena M. Wilson	24	11		Peterboro	F	"	Housewife	Gile, Ms.
Mar. 1	Arrena F. Symonds	6			Zenia, O.	S	"	Teacher	Baldwinsville, [Ms.]
Aug. 24	Alice E. Adams	43	8	21	Cornwall, Conn.	F	"	Retired	Addison, Vt.
Sept. 28	Dwight A. Clark	67	5	14	Sherroon LakeNY	M	"	W	Surry [Ct.]
Nov. 9	Eleanor C. Gravelin	74	10	6	England	F	"	Housework	New Hartford, — Conn.
Dec. 7	Martha Nichols	92	3		Aistead	M	"	Farmer	Albert Clark
" 26	Denzil A. Miller	76	4	11			"	Keene	Russell Pilkin
									Ingram
									Harvey D. Miller
									Susan Nash

\*Single, Married or Widowed.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. H. HUBBARD, Town Clerk.

BERTHA M. WRIGHT, Assistant.



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